

Applicant : Ota *et al.* Art Unit : 1653
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DIFFERENTIATION OF SMOOTH MUSCLE CELLS

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This Amendment in Reply to Office Action is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2004 (“the Office Action”) for the above-referenced application. The Examiner set a three (3) month period for response. A request for a one (1) month extension accompanies this response, which is being submitted by the current due date of October 4, 2004 (October 2 and October 3 being a Saturday and a Sunday, respectively).

Date of Deposit October 4, 2004